Incident #203 DATE OF THE 17 Nov 48
LOCATION 56° 10'N - 117° 30'W Canada UNCLASSIFIED ATTO NO. AF HO. SOURCE A/c Crew REPORT NO. DATE OF REPORT DATE IN TO ATIC ----Flaming Grange THE OF STAPPING 1418 SPER very fast Men Aure SHAPE Egg w/tail SIME 50' Diameter ALTITUDE 18,000' EST Hadden LEMETH OF THE GEST-RVED Momentary COURSE SE TYPE OF OBSERVATION Aerial NO. IN GROUP 1 YOUGHO ____ MANNEUVERS Appeared to be in shallow dive UNCLASSIFIED Temporary ATTC Form 329 (2 Jan 52)

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The object reported in this incident was cortainly a fireball. The description fits very closely.

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AIR WHATHER SERVICE Andrews Air Force Base Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To: AMS DSS

11 Pay 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

Air Materiel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Chio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

- 1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, MCIAKS, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first indersement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.
- 2. The incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Heather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.
- 3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that wertical and horizontal motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is specified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Relative to Radar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER STRVICE

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1 - Incident Summaries

2 - Comments 173 thru 233

/s/ W. A. West

W. A. WEST

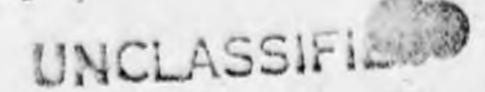
Lt. Col., USAF

Adjutant General

17 Nov 28

Mo. 203: Again last scheduled release was over five hours prior to sighting. Only possibility, and a definitely unlikely one, is a lighted balloon falling in flames from an extremely high altitude.

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٠.	Date of Observation .11. Nov. 1918 UNCLASS.FIE Incident: 203
2.	Time of Observation .1418 Z
	Where was Object(s) Sighted 56° 10' North Latitude by 117° 30' West Longitude Peace River, Alberta Province - some 250 miles NW of Edmonton
4.	Observer's Position From 7,000 ft enroute to Kittigazuit, N. W. T. from Edmonton (i.e. ground, air, control tower, etc.) 1st Lt James Toomey, Edmonton, Alberta, Can. Name and Address of Observer S/Sgt Onno C. Blink, AF 20/15076, Hadio Operator
5.	Name and Address of Observer S/Sgt Onno C. Blink, AF 20/150/5, Hadio Operator Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. (?) Pilot & Compation and/or Hobbies . Radio Operator with crew
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7.	Attention Attracted to Object (s) By N/S
	Number of Object(s) Sighted .1
9.	Size of Object(s) . Approximately 50 in height
	Color of Object(s) flaming grange color
11.	Shape (Sketch if Possible) egg.shaped with tail
12.	Nature of Luminosity flame
13.	Estimated Distance of Object from Observer N/S Altitude: Estimated at approximately 18,000 feet Speed of Object(s) . Unknown
15.	Time in Sight . Momentary
16.	Tacticsappeared to be in a shallow dive
	Sound Made by Object(s) .none
	Direction of Flight of Object(s) . Southwest
19.	Apparent Construction (Of What Material or Substance) . "flame"
	sky momentarily behind it - had a tail
21.	Weather Conditions Existing at the Time . Overcast with tops at approx 4500'. MSL. High deck of thin broken stratus clouds at approx 12,000 ft. Peculiarities Noted . N/S.
23.	Peculiarities Noted .N/S. DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS: DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS: DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS DECLASSIFIED DIR 5200.10 Summary of Incident (2721)
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DETACHMENT, 1701ST AIR TRANSPORT WING CONTINENTAL DIVISION, MATS EDMONTON ALBERTA CANADA

GPB/md

. 19 Nov 48

SUBJECT: Observation of an Object in the Atmosphere

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Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-5

- L. The following report of an object observed by let Lt. James
 Torney is submitted in compliance with Secret Letter dtd 20 Oct 48 from
 MATS Headquarters, subjects Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs".
 - a. Location and time of sighting 1170 30° W Longitude
 56° 10° M Latitude
 14133 17 November 1948
- b. Weather at the time Weather at the time was overcast with tops at approximately 4500° MSL with a high deck of thin broken stratus clouds at approximately 12,000 ft.
- o. Names and occupations and addresses of witnesses 3/3gy Onno C. Blink, AF 20715676, Radio Operator on the orew and stationed at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
 - d. Photographs of objects, if available. No photographs available.

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f. Object sighteds

(1) Number - One

(2) Shape - Egg shaped with a tail

(3) Size - Approximately 50° in height tapering to a point at the tail.

(4) Color - Bright flaming orange

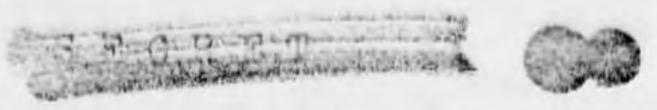
(5) Speed - Unknown

(3) Heading - South West

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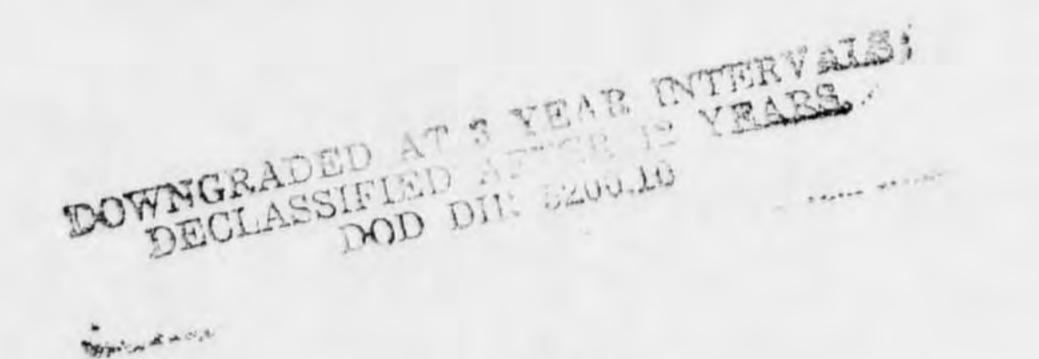
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Incident: 203

A bright flaming orange object similar in shape to an egg with a tail was observed near Peace River, Alberta Province, some 250 miles NW of Edmonton, by 1st Lt James Toomey & S/Sgt Onno C. Blink, Radio Operator, while on first leg of flight from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to Kittigazuit, N. W. T. The object was momentarily sighted above a deck of broken stratus clouds. The crew were flying at 7,000 ft MSL on top of an overcast when the object was sighted. Altitude was judged as approximately 18,000 feet and the object appeared in a shallow dive. There was no sound. Object had a tail which tapered to a point. It was on a southwest heading at an unknown speed. As it passed it momentarily illuminated the sky behind it.



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SUSS: Poservation of an Object in the Atmosphere

- (7) Maneuverability Appeared to be in a shallow dive.
- (8) Altitude Approximately 13,000 feet,
- (9) Sound None
- (10) Exhaust trail or not Yes

g. Remarks: Object was sighted on the first leg of a flight from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to Kittigasuit, N. W. T. Canada while flying at 7,000 ft. MSL on top of an overcast. The object was momentarily sighted above a deck of broken status glouds. It seemed to be a bright flaming orange object and illuminated the sky momentarily behind it.

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Hdqs.MATS Attn: Dir.of Intelligence Codr.MATS Attn: Chief, Intelligence Division GEORGE P. BRENNER, Capt. USAF Commanding



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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

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